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Oversight Hearing to Examine Health Insurance Bureaucracy

Top Industry Executives to Testify

Washington D.C. (September 10, 2009) – Domestic Policy Subcommittee Chairman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) today announced a two-part hearing to examine how the bureaucracy of private health insurance companies affects the medical care of patients. The hearing entitled, "Between You and Your Doctor: the Bureaucracy of Private Health Insurance," will be held on September 16 and 17, 2009.

On Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. in Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2154, the Subcommittee will hear testimony from patients and health care providers with personal experience struggling against the bureaucracy of private health insurance companies to secure needed medical care. The committee will also hear from a whistleblower; a former health insurance executive who will testify about internal practices of the industry.

The second part of the hearing on **Thursday**, **September 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the same location** will hear testimony from top executives of the 6 largest health insurance companies in the United States.

Witness list to be announced at a later date.

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